

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/19/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-21 allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

There is no prior art teach or suggest a remote sensing system (claim 1) for detecting the occurrence of an event and processing information about the detected event, the remote sensing system comprising:

- a. at least one remote sensor including a transmitter and a sensor clock, the at least one sensor operable to transmit a message including information related to (i) the existence of a detected event and (ii) any time delay since the occurrence of the detected event;
- b. a data collection hub including a receiver and a hub clock, the data collection hub operable to receive the message transmitted from the at least one sensor and calculate a time of occurrence for the detected event based upon (i) the time the collection hub received the message transmitted from the at least one sensor and (ii) the time delay included in the message from the at least one sensor.

There is no prior art teach or suggest a method (claim 11) for collecting sensor timing data comprising:

- a. sensing an event using at least one sensor;

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- b. transmitting at least one message identifying the event and the time elapsed since the event;
- c. receiving said at least one message at a central data collection hub; and
- d. calculating a time for a sensed event by subtracting the elapsed time identified in the at least one transmitted message from the time the at least one message was received at the central data collection hub.

There is no prior art teach or suggest a method (claim 16) for collecting sensor timing data comprising:

- a. providing a central data collection hub having a receiver, a microprocessor, a memory, and a clock;
- b. providing at least one sensor having a transmitter;
- c. stimulating the at least one sensor;
- d. transmitting at least one message containing information about the time elapsed between stimulation of the at least one sensor and transmission of the at least one message;
- e. receiving the at least one message by the central data hub; and
- f. calculating the time of stimulation of the at least one sensor by subtracting the time elapsed between stimulation from a time provided by the clock.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ross (US 4473889) disclose a remote correlation of sequence of events.

Drexler et al. (US 3984815) disclose a time of event recorder.

Tu et al. (US 6617969) disclose an event notification system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lam P. Pham whose telephone number is 571-272-2977. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery A. Hofsass can be reached on 571-272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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